

Mimes and Tongues

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION
December 1967

Meeting place: Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences
657 East Ave.
2nd and 4th Thursdays - September through
June - 8 P. M. - Swappers from 7:30

Officers - 1967-1968

President	James G. Papin
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December 14, 1967 - Dealers discussion night - We will have three area dealers present to discuss their part in the stamp collecting field.. We will have a wholesaler, a retailer and an auctioner. They will conduct a question and answer session on how to buy stamps at auction, retail and wholesale.

On December 28th, we will have our annual Christmas party Mrs. Audrey Pankratz will be the hostess - Refreshments - - \$1.00 gifts will be exchanged. An auction will be held of Part One of the club collection. A list of all lots to be sold is included with this bulletin. At this auction only club members will be allowed to bid. Minimum bids will be placed on better material and if a fair price is not realized the lot will be retained for a future sale..

RPA NOTES

Two new members have been added to our rolls:

John T. Nolan	Lawrence R. Moriarty
171 Pierpont St.	48 Belview Dr.
Rochester, N. Y. 14613	Rochester, N. Y. 14609

A new list of books on stamp collecting has been compiled and can be obtained from Mike Magin. If any member has any books that belong in the RPA library please return them as soon as possible as other members would like to look them over..

FOR THOSE WHO EXHIBIT

Here is a warning from the F. I. P. Congress. Stamps from the following countries will be excluded from all exhibitions.

Ajman and Manama	Umm Al Qiwain
Dubai	Yemen
Jordan	Seiyum
Ras Al Khaima	Q'Aiti
Qatar	Mahra
Sharjah and Khor Fakkan	and any other "New"
	south Arab stamp issuing
	country.

All collectors are warned about the purchase of these colorful labels. The FIP Undesirable issues Commission is now making a concerted effort to prevent these stamps being listed by catalogue publishers, inasmuch as it has been proven they serve no practical postal need and are produced for collectors, at fantastic profits.

UN NEWS

Two new stamps will be issued January 16, 1968 for the United Nations Secretariat - a 6 cent (yellow, blue, and beige) and a 13 cent (blue, mauve, green and orange) printed in photo-gravure in quantities of 2,900,000 and 2,600,000 respectively by Courvoisier, S. A.. of Switzerland. The stamps were designed by Pashid-ud- Din of Pakistan.

Owing to technical difficulties, the date of issue of the 6-cent definitive stamp, originally scheduled for 16 January 1968, will be postponed until further notice.

A UN Srt stamp will be released March 1, 1968. This will be a 6-cent stamp and will illustrate a statue of Henrick Starcke in the Trusteeship Council.

Also another stamp in the definitive stamp series is the 75-cent to be used to meet the increased cost of postage on registered mail by the UNPA.

A new slogan cancellation "1968" International Year for Human Rights" will be put into use on January 2, 1968. for about 6 months..

SOME NOTES ON DANZIG

By

Norman Stevenson

Danzig is a natural collateral interest for any German Collector. It is a "country" that can be completed for a relatively modest outlay with the exception of three stamps which are hard to find even if one has the money to buy them. It also has an extremely interesting history. At various times it was an independent city, at times under the control of various princes and dukes; under Poland; under German domination, under a League of Nations mandate which established it as a free city of Danzig; then again under German rule during World War II and today it is part of Communist Poland.

Danzig is first mentioned historically in the 997 when the Bishop of Prague traveled east to a territory called Samland to convert the heathen Prussians. At that time it was called Gyddanyzc and was a small fishing village. The present Polish name for Danzig which is a contraction of the original name Gyddanyzc and which some people claim was made up from two Slavic words meaning "Settlement by the water" Danzig had an extremely natural favorable location at the mouth of the Vistula River along its excellent natural harbor. This caused it to become a thriving commercial port. And later on one of the important and powerful Hanseatic cities. In spite of the fact that it was located adjacent to Polish territory it was not under Polish rule and because its major trading was with the Germans it became more and more dominated by German population which settled there. It was eventually given its freedom by the ruling Prince of the area. After the partition of Poland by Prussia, Russia and Austria it became part of Prussia and eventually part of the German Empire.

Up to this point no stamps had been issued by the city and so that while there are stampless covers from fairly old times available, there was no adhesive postal history. Danzig's first stamps were issued after the League made it the Free City of Danzig in 1919.

It should be mentioned that the Free City was much more than just a city. It consisted of an area of about 1/3 the size of the state of Delaware and also encompassed the cities of Zoppo, Tiegenhof and Neuteich as well as 252 villages and 63 hamlets with a total population in 1919 of 357,000 which grew in the next ten years to about 400,000 of which approximately 95% or more were of Germanic origin. This naturally made the city very German oriented.

The League of Nations had set up the free city so that Poland would have an outlet to the Baltic Sea and at the same time gave Poland certain rights in the city, one of which was the right to maintain a Postal Service and a Post Office. This caused the issuance of stamps by Poland for use in the city and which ought to be included in any complete collection of Danzig. These stamps are Scott # 1K1 -- 1K36

There are also several other Polish stamps which while they were not issued for use in Danzig, caused a political furor in the Danzig Senate which was completely dominated by the German Nazis. These were described in an article in Linn's by Mr. J. L. Brodowski some years ago. There are also several German stamps which also must appear; these are Scott # 492-493- commemorating the incorporation of Danzig into the German Reich in 1939, and another Scott # 241-254, which were merely Danzig stamps overprinted with the words "Deutsche Reich"

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Con't at first for a short time, these were only for use in Danzig but later on became legal for postal use in all of Germany. This set also heralded the change in the currency back to the German Mark from the Danzig Gulden currency.

It might be well to mention here the reason why Danzig changed its money from the original use of the German Mark to the Gulden during the German Inflationary period the people of Danzig. were suffering so badly that, in the fall of 1921, the League of Nations started to organize a new bank called the Bank von Danzig with a paid in capital of 300,000 English pounds and late in 1923 the new Danzig Gulden replaced the German Mark as the only legal tender in the city. A set of provisional stamps were issued for postage to reflect the new currency, Scott numbers 156-167. on October 31, 1923.

Of course there are many other things that need to be mentioned about this city but it would take much more space than is available in a paper like this.

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Next month our main article will be an excellent article called
HAS ROCHESTER AN OPTICAL TOPICALIST?
by Dr. E. Willis Hainlen



DUES

If you have already paid your R. P. A. dues for 1968, read no further.

If you are one of those who have forgotten, why not send a check to, or pay directly the treasurer,

Leslie J. Roll
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Don't deprive yourself of the privileges of membership in one of the most exciting years we have had in a long time. More auctions, a banquet, picnic, summer workshop, and A. P. S. - 68! (The biggest philatelic Show to hit New York, Western, in a long time) are all for you if you are still a member.

Tickets for the May 23rd R. P. A. Spring Dinner are now ready and may be picked up from WARREN STEVENS at the meeting. or call him at 377-0116 for reservations. These reservations must be in by April 25th.

Don't forget the Federation auction later this month at Batavia.

A new addition has been made to the R. P. A. Library -- The 1968-1969 Directory of the American Philatelic Society. This lists not only all members of the Society with addresses and what they collect, but now includes the Golden Pages. This lists about 200 stamp dealers with categorized listings of stamp collectors needs.

With this bulletin you will receive a copy of the Prospectus for the R. P. A. - 68 We would like to see entries from a large number of the membership. If you need more of these to send your friends. Write or call Dr. Leslie J. Roll or pick up more at the club meeting.

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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14607

ROCHESTER CLUB COLLECTION

AUCTION DATE DEC. 28, 1967

<u>LOT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CAT VALUE</u>
1	Used collection Haiti 1887-1924 misc issues	\$ 10.73
2	US Scott C52 mint line pair	1.00
3	Misc. US 1946-7 comm plus Tipex SS	3.38
4	Germany 9v #2-27 poor to fine used	62.75
5	Chile #8 & #10 used 1954-62 Imp.	10.50
6	US Nat'l parks SS mint fine 1¢ & 3¢ 750-1 creases	15.50
7	Chile used 1867-92 poor to good #15 damaged	5.17
8	US Nat'l parks mint VF superb 740-49	5.50
9	Chile 1894-21 misc used	6.72
10	Byrd Antarctic SS & single US mint fine	7.60
11	Egypt 1867-72 used 6v	13.20
12	Egypt 1879 18v 27-49 used	10.98
13	US #1 on cover 4 margins Lockport NY pen cancel	65.00
14	Egypt Geographical congress 105-8 Mint VF	15.00
15	US misc lot 17 v 1933-45 mint good-VF	3.54
16	Egypt Agriculture Exhib. 108-113 9v mint vf	23.00
17	US Washington Bicentennial 1932 good-vf mint 704-15	10.50
18	Egypt mint 118-20, 125-7 superb	8.50
19	US misc mint 11v 1929-31 poor-vf	3.75
20	Egypt 150-8 3 sets mint	4.95
21	US 646-48 & 651 Mint vf to fine	8.70
22	Egypt C1 & C2 mint fine	12.00
23	US White plains SS complete sheet VF mint	110.00
24	Egypt Special Delivery E1 & E2 mint VF	4.40
25	US Mint White Plains SS complete sheet #630	110.00
26	Newfoundland #11A used	11.00
27	US mint misc 1923-28 7v poor to superb	8.30
28	Newfoundland mint 20, 23, 31, 35	17.75
29	US 548-550 superb mint Pilgrim Ter. 1920	16.70
30	Newfoundland mint 7v 41-57	20.75
31	US 1919 Victory Issue mint superb #537	3.00
32	US 9v 1875-82 good used	23.25
33	US Revenues mint & used fine to punch hole 1898-99	3.00
34	Newfoundland 6v 49-62 used	4.95
35	US 13v mint & used good to fine 1903-12	5.24
36	US flown cover Lakehurst NJ to Bermuda Red bar cancel #157	-----
37	US 629 1st day cover single strip of 5 top of sheet on cover	10.00
38	Newfoundland 58-64 7v mint	7.75
39	US OE-1 mint OE-2 mint airmail Sp. del.	1.05
40	US 1959 mint plates & singles & air mails	face val. 5.25
41	US Panama-Pacific Exp. 1912 good-vf 397-400A	32.00
42	Switzerland Postcard 3v stamps 105-7 fine	1.00
43	US Hudson-Fulton cele. Block of 4 superb mint 373	38.00
44	US " " " 1909 1v 372 fine mint	2.25
45	US Alaska-Yukon Pacific Issue Imperf block 4 superb mint 371	40.00
46	Switzerland 82-88b 2lv used	12.48
47	US 1894 #256-9 poor to fine used	14.00
48	US Misc. revenues 1871-72	5.25
49	US 1851-69 used poor to good	63.90

LOT #	DESCRIPTION	CAT VALUE
50	Hawaii 30-35, 39 mint & used	\$ 25.00
51	US 4 imp pairs used	9.40
52	US 1890-4 used poor to good 219-255	18.75
53	US 370 mint vf	2.25
54	Peru 15v 108-80 used fine	1.83
55	US 328-330 mint vf 1907 Jamestown exp	31.25
56	US 323-27 mint vf 1904 Louisiana Purchase set complete	93.50
57	US 294-99 mint F-VF 1901 Pan American Exp set complete	76.50
58	New S. Wales & New Zealand used 18 v	2.26
59	US 145-48 used very poor	5.15
60	US #135 used poor	7.00
61	US 13v 1895 used poor to good	9.45
62	Hawaii misc selection 1883-94 mint & used	25.00
63	US 285-90 mint f-vf Trans Mississippi Exp 1898	90.25
64	US 1937-40 misc. lot mint good to superb SPA S3	5.05
65	US 22v mint very fine 1944-47 '47SS	2.81
66	Brazil used 36v 1885-47	2.58
67	US Columbian 1893 <u>set inc.</u> f-vf 230-9 used	57.20
68	US overrun nations 13v mint superb	2.30
69	US 19v misc 1939-44 856-923 good to superb mint	3.14
70	Bahamas & Barbados 7v mint & used early	19.27
71	Phillippines & Puerto Rico poor to good mint & used	4.00
72	Cuba 19v 1905-18 used	1.70
73	US Famous Americans 889-93 comp. mint superb	5.35
74	Columbia used 15v	3.00
75	US 1958 mint plate & single	3.05
76	US Comm misc + famous Americans mint	6.91
77	US Officials Interior Dept misc	11.65
78	New Brunswick 4v mint 6,7,8,9	6.25
79	US Airmail mint singles C7-44 <u>NO ZEPS</u> misc	10.39
80	US 1898-1902 17v good used	23.85
81	US 25v mint vf to superb 1004-28	2.48
82	Bermuda 15-68 mint & used	18.38
83	Switzerland 27-59 mint & used(11 good)	21.05
84	Switzerland 98-192 mint & used 36v	8.27
85	US Special Delivery good to fair SE & E1 mint & used	62.00
86	New Foundland 21v mint & used 65-119	20.71
87	Germany low value used poor to vf 330v	10.00
88	Czechoslovakia mint & used early to newspapers	9.54
89	US 1912-17 poor to vf used	6.10
90	US 12v 1922-31 mint poor to fine	12.20
91	Lithuania Airmail 1921-2 08-16 mint	5.15
92	US Special delivery E14-17 mint superb	1.95
93	US Parcel post due Registry fine to poor used J31-5 JQI-3 F1	14.00
94	Argentina 26v 1967-1914 used	3.05
95	US Plate 4 cardboard proofs VF superb PR9P-PR27P	17.00
96	Japan 1899-1907 47 misc v used	13.70
97	US Parcel post 1912-13 mint poor to vf Q1-12 complete	141.25
98	Greece 10v used early	6.47
99	US 1873 used very poor to good	26.00
100	Jugo-Slavia 1918 1L1-1L18 mint	3.55
101	US misc booklet & 3 pl blocks very fine mint	2.96
102	Bulgaria 1879-1901 34v #1-#73 used	11.83
103	US 1882-88 used very poor to good 206-16	12.65
104	Belgian Congo 115-29 complete mint	11.72
105	Hong Kong 21v 71-144	7.65
106	US 28v comm mint superb 976-1003 1948-51	2.80
107	Bosnia mint & used 1-23	9.57
108	US 1947-48 30v mint superb	3.15

